

Remarks**Specification.**

The information under "Related Applications" on page 1 of the specification has been updated.

Claims Objections and 35 U.S.C. s101 and s112.

The matters mentioned under these sections of the Office Action are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1 to 29, which are replaced by new claims 30 to 74.

35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The new claims define limitations not present or suggested by Somasundaram (US2006/0013209). Somasundaram does not teach a VPN converter interfacing first and second data network and interfacing directly to an external network that uses a bearer traffic format different to that of the first data network. The direct interfacing of the first data network to the external network and the conversion within the VPN converter of bearer traffic between the traffic format of the first data network and that of the external network mitigates the need to provide media proxies as in the prior art arrangement of figure 2 of the instant application. There is nothing in Somasundaram that would lead a skilled person to the arrangement as claimed.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore respectfully solicited.

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